

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 264 – HB 966

April 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires students to be suspended for assaulting a teacher, principal, school bus driver, or other school personnel with vulgar, threatening, or obscene language, or for violence or threatened violence against such personnel, upon the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(c).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007309): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Replaces the word “battery” with the words “aggravated assault” in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(g). Students who commit aggravated assault on school personnel shall be expelled for one year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information received from the Department of Education, local education agencies currently regard battery and aggravated assault as zero tolerance offenses which would result in expulsion.
- No increase in the number of students who are expelled. Any increase in state expenditures and local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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